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SUBJECT: MINOR AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT ON U.S. MILITARY FACILI-  
TIES IN ANTIGUA

REF: BRIDGETOWN 0535

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED FEB. 21 FROM  
ANTIGUA GOVERNMENT INQUIRING ABOUT STATUS OF DEPARTMENT'S  
REPLY TO GOA'S REQUEST FOR MINOR AMENDMENTS TO U.S. MILITARY  
FACILITIES AGREEMENT SIGNED IN WASHINGTON, DEC. 14, 1977.

2. SINCE LETTER CALRIFIES REASONS FOR ORIGINAL REQUEST  
SOMEWHAT, LETTER IS QUOTED BELOW IN FULL.

3. QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. FRANK ORTIZ, JR. UNITED STATES  
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES  
U.S. EMBASSY, P.O. BOX 302, BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS.  
YOUR EXCELLENCY, DURING MR. EDDY'S VISIT TO ANTIGUA EARLY  
THIS YEAR, I BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION A NUMBER OF DISCREPAN-  
CIES IN THE DRAWING UP OF THE U.S. BASES AGREEMENT WHICH WAS  
SIGNED IN WASHINGTON ON THE 14TH DECEMBER, 1977. IT IS  
NECESSARY TO HAVE THEM REGULARISED BEFORE ACTION IS TAKEN BY  
HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO REGISTER THE DOCUMENT WITH  
THE UNITED NATIONS AND PUBLISH THE TREATY.

"IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WE NOW NEED TO CORRECT THE ANNEX TO  
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THE AGREEMENT, THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND THE  
AGREED MINUTE, AND TO UNITE AND SEAL THE ORIGINAL SIGNED  
COPY OF THE AGREEMENT. THE CORRECTIONS REQUIRED ARE  
AS FOLLOWS:-

"ANNEX PARAGRAPH 1. THIS REFERS TO MAP NO. 1 SHOWING  
THE DEFENCE AREAS AND RIGHTS OF ACCESS ETC. BUT THE MAP

IS NOT ATTACHED. IT SHOULD THEREFORE BE ADDED. I NOTE THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH WAS INITIALED IN ANTIGUA IN SEPTEMBER 1977 HAD A NUMBER OF MAPS ATTACHED TO IT BUT NONE OF THESE MAPS APPEAR TO SHOW ALL THE US DEFENCE SITES ON ONE MAP.

"MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ARTICLE 1 (D)(I). THIS REFERS TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF ANNEX E WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO EXIST. THIS SHOULD BE CORRECTED AND INITIALED BY BOTH PARTIES.

"AGREED MINUTE THIS WAS SIGNED ON 14TH DECEMBER, NOT 14TH FEBRUARY, 1977. A FURTHER CORRECTION IS NECESSARY HERE WHICH WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE INITIALED BY BOTH PARTIES. "WHEN THESE CORRECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, THE AGREEMENT, THE ANNEX AND MAP SHOULD BE UNITED BY RIBBON AND SEALED. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS USUALLY DONE BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT. AS THE TREATY WAS SIGNED IN WASHINGTON, YOUR GOVERNMENT WOULD BE THE HOST GOVERNMENT.

"ONCE THE AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AND THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN UNITED AND SEALED THEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO SUBMIT TO HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR UNITED NATIONS REGISTRATION. YOURS SINCERELY, E.G.K. CHALLENGER  
PERMANENT SECRETARY. UNQUOTE.  
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